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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING: NEW DEMAND OF KIDNAPPERS

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1. SUMMARY: TEXT OF "NOTIFICATION NUMBER THREE" FROM

LORENZ KIDNAPPERS CONTAINS ADDITIONAL DEMAND: KIDNAPPERS WILL MAKE KNOWN MODALITIES OF RELEASE OF LORENZ ONLY AFTER RELEASED ANARCHISTS ARE FLOWN TO SAFETY WITH FORMER MAYOR ALBERTZ AND ALBERTZ HAS RETURNED SAFELY TO BERLIN. KIDNAPPERS ALSO REQUIRE THAT THOSE IMPRISONED ANARCHISTS WHO DO NOT WANT TO BE RELEASED MUST APPEAR ON TELEVISION WITH THEIR LAWYERS AND PUBLICLY CONFIRM THEIR DECISION TO REMAIN IN JAIL. ALBERTZ HAS REJECTED ABOVE CONDITIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. LORENZ KIDNAPPERS PLACED LETTER UNDER DOORMAT OF ONE PETER LORENZ, NO REPEAT NO RELATION TO KIDNAPPED MAN OF SAME NAME, TELEPHONED MRS. LORENZ AND TOLD HER TO LOOK UNDER DOORMAT FOR LETTER. LETTER READS IN TRANSLATION "TO THE SENAT AND BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMUNICATION #3 "IF ONE OF THE COMRADES KNOWN TO US DOES NOT WISH TO ACCEPT FREEDOM, HE SHOULD MAKE THIS PUBLIC ON MARCH 1, 1975 AT 1925 HOURS IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY ON THE EVENING BERLIN NEESCAST. OUR ULTIMATUM WILL NOT BE EXTENDED. IT EXPIRES ON MONDAY MARCH 3, 1975 AT 0900 IN THE MORNING. BEFORE THEN THE LIBERATED COMRADES AND PASTOR ALBERTZ MUST HAVE FLOWN OUT. AFTER ALBERTZ' RETURN, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY MAKE KNOWN THE MODALITIES OF LETTING PETER LORENZ FREE. HIS SAFETY DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE CONDUCT OF THE STATE APPARATUS. WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN FUERSTEN-FELDBRUCK AND RAMMELMAIER (COMMENT-FUERSTEN-FELDBRUCK IS AIRPORT WHERE FRG POLICE ENGAGED IN SHOOTOUTS WITH ARAB TERRORISTS). IF THE POLICE APPARATUS IS PREPARING ANYTHING SIMILAR, THAT IS THE SURE DEATH OF PETER LORENZ. THIS IS OUR LAST NOTICE BEFORE THE CARRYING OUT OF OUR CONDITIONS."

3. THE LETTER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A POST CARD, SIMILAR TO THE ONE LORENZE HAD SENT TO HIS WIFE ON FEBRUARY 27, IN WHICH HE SAID HE IS UNINJURED BUT ASKS EVERYONE "ESPECIALLY MY FRIENDS" TO DO EVERYTHING TO LET HIM GET OUT OF THIS "ALIVE AND UNINJURED".

4. LORENZ'S PERSONAL ID NUMBER APPEARED BY HIS SIGNATURE AS THE POLICE HAD REQUESTED IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AUTHENTICITY
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OF KIDNAPPERS DOCUMENTS. LORENZ INDICATED THE CARD HAD BEEN WRITTEN AFTER THE POLICE STATEMENT OF MIDNIGHT MARCH 1.

5. ALBERTZ SAID FOLLOWING OVER TV EVENING OF MARCH 1. HE HAD PLACED HIMSELF AT DISPOSAL OF SENAT IN VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION BECAUSE HE HAD OBLIGATION TO SAVE HUMAN LIFE. IN THIS SITUATION, HE COULD NOT UNDERTAKE THE TASK IF ALL RISKS WERE TO BE ON ONE SIDE. HE, THEREFORE, FOUND KID-

NAPPERS LATES CONDITIONS UNACCEPTABLE.

6. IN KEEPING WITH KIDNAPPERS' DEMAND FOR FULL PUBLICITY
SENAT PRESS DIRECTOR STRUVE ANNOUNCED RECEIPT OF ABOVE
LETTER AND MADE COPIES AVAILABLE TO PRESS.
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